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## MONROE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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## COUNTY RECEIVES FUNDING FOR PRIDE HOUSE COMPUTERS

Monroe County Executive Jack Doyle today announced that the County has received a \$35,000 grant from the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance through its Merit Incentive Program to purchase personal computers for the County's Brown Street PRIDE House.

"Resources such as personal computers are central components to what the PRIDE House is all about," said County Executive Jack Doyle. "Investing in the people and providing children the resources to learn and grow into contributing members of our community is essential for the neighborhood to prosper."

The grant will be applied towards the purchase of personal computers for use by the Temporary Assistance for Need Families (TANF) children at Monroe County's PRIDE House located at 688 Brown Street in the City of Rochester. The computers will work in conjunction with the PRIDE House's Homework Club which offers neighborhood children positive activities and tutorial services. Tutors for the club are provided by the Monroe County Youth Bureau and AmeriCorps. Additionally, Neighbors United provides outreach and parental contact for the club.

The New York State Merit Incentive Program provides counties with funds for school aged children as an incentive for demonstrated academic excellence or community service. Awards are made through the direct purchase of goods or services.

This is the first year that Monroe County has received this grant, a provision that extends through June 30, 2000. Funds will be appropriated to the Monroe County Department of Social Services Division of Grants, Merit Incentive Program.

The Monroe County Legislature will vote on accepting this grant at next month's meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 9, 2000.

PRIDE stands for: People, Resources, Initiative, Determination and Empowerment. The Brown Street PRIDE House was opened in September 1996; the 1476 St. Paul Street facility was opened May 1999. The homes focus on bringing new life to their areas through resident participation and outreach programs.

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